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Hartford Parenting Program Readies for Expansion; Job Fair Scheduled Friday, January 14

Nurturing Families Network Recruits Family Service Professionals As Agency Sites Expand from Three to 11 in City

Hartford, Conn., January 7, 2005 – Fresh off an announcement last month that the Nurturing Families Network, a program that successfully assists first-time parents with the challenges of parenthood, will expand from three to 11 sites in Hartford, a Job Fair has been slated for this Friday, January 14, to staff the program's expansion.

Some three dozen full- and part-time positions – mostly family service professionals and paraprofessionals – are available to qualified, motivated candidates. Open positions include Home Visitors, Clinical Supervisors/Family Assessment Workers and Children and Parent Group Coordinators. The program is also seeking an Administrative Support Worker, Childcare Provider and Van Driver.

The Job Fair will take place Friday, January 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Congregational Church, 277 Main Street, Hartford. Candidates will have the opportunity to speak with agency representatives, learn about the program and complete a formal application. Formal interviews will be scheduled at a later date with qualified candidates.

Hartford residents are encouraged to apply, as are bilingual and bicultural applicants. All participating agencies are Equal Opportunity Employers. Participating agencies include Beat the Street Asylum Hill Family Center; El Centro de Desarrollo y Reafirmacion; Parkville Family Center and the City of Hartford's Maternal Infant Outreach Program; Southside Family Center; RAMBUH Family Center; and Trust House Family Learning Center.

Interested candidates who cannot attend the Job Fair may mail a resume and cover letter to: Children's Trust Fund, 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106, Attention Linda Harris, Program Supervisor. The Job Fair is co-sponsored by the State of Connecticut Children's Trust Fund and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving as part of its Brighter Futures Initiative.

A statewide program, the Nurturing Families Network engages and supports 5,000 parents each year before their first child is born through intensive home visiting, group-based parent education and information/support. The Hartford expansion is expected to serve nearly three of every four of the city's first-born children at risk for child abuse and neglect.